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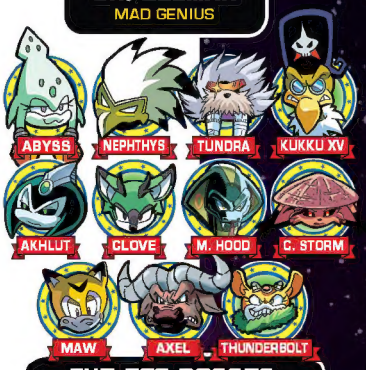

THE EGG BOSSES
EGGMAN'S ELITE ELEVEN

VS

WENDY & WALTER NAUGUS
TWIN WITCH & WARLOCK TROLLS

THE WITCHCARTERS
WENDY'S MINIONS

PREVIOUSLY...

POACHED!

Dr. Eggman's latest and greatest refinery/theme park/death trap was nearly complete—until somebody took it over!

The mad doctor and **Metal Sonic** went to investigate this mysterious threat only to be caught off guard, overwhelmed and trounced by the power of the **Naugus Twins** and their Gaia energy-powered henchmen, **The Witchcarters!**

With Metal Sonic seemingly falling in the line of duty, Dr. Eggman must call in the reserves...

He's going to need *all* of his Egg Bosses!

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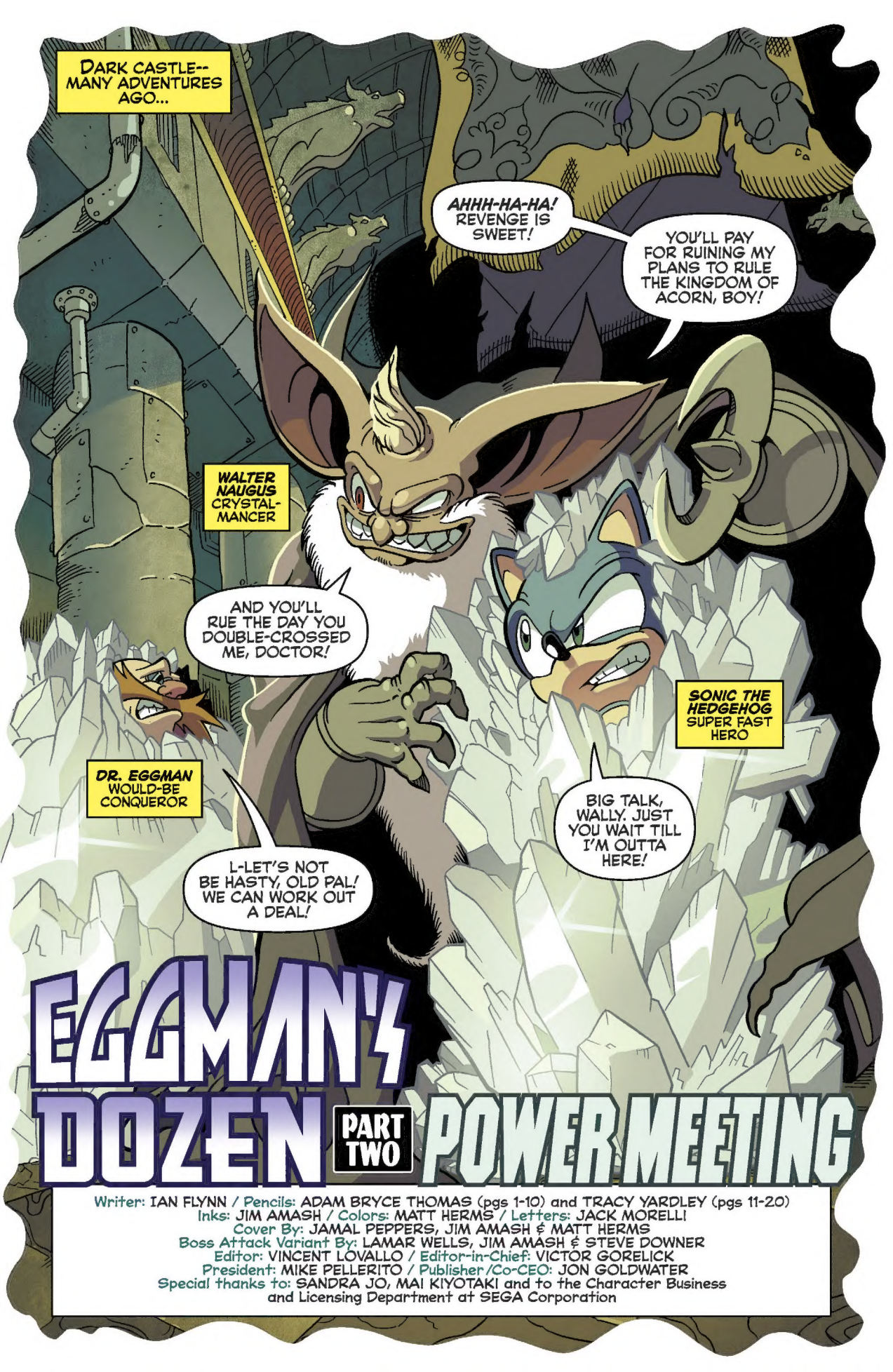
DARK CASTLE-- MANY ADVENTURES AGO...
AHHH-HA-HA! REVENGE IS SWEET!
YOU'LL PAY FOR RUINING MY PLANS TO RULE THE KINGDOM OF ACORN, BOY!
WALTER NAUGUS CRYSTAL-MANCER
AND YOU'LL RUE THE DAY YOU DOUBLE-CROSSED ME, DOCTOR!
SONIC THE HEDGEHOG SUPER FAST HERO
DR. EGGMAN WOULD-BE CONQUEROR
BIG TALK, WALLY. JUST YOU WAIT TILL I'M OUTTA HERE!
L-LET'S NOT BE HASTY, OLD PAL! WE CAN WORK OUT A DEAL!
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A DEAL?
OUR DEAL WAS I WOULD RULE THE ISLANDS AND YOU WOULD JUST MINE THEM. INSTEAD, YOU CAST ME INTO THE SPECIAL ZONE!
...LET BYGONES BE BYGONES?
FOOL ME ONCE, SHAME ON ME. FOOL ME TWICE, SHAME ON YOU...
WE'VE GOT A PROBLEM! THAT LITTLE FOX BOY TOOK DOWN ALL OF MY WITCHCARTERS AND IS HEADING RIGHT FOR THE CASTLE!
WOO! GO TAILS!
WENDY NAUGUS TECH ENTHUSIAST
SCREEEECH
PATHETIC. YOUR COLLECTION OF DEGENERATES SHOULD BE ABLE TO HANDLE A MERE CHILD!
SPARE ME THE LECTURE, WALLY! NOW COME HELP ME DEAL WITH HIM!
WHY? HE'S YOUR PROBLEM!
IT'S OUR CASTLE!
THERE'S NOTHING "MERE" ABOUT TAILS.
THEY'LL FIND THAT OUT THE SAME WAY I DID-- THE HARD WAY.*
NOW HELP ME FIND A WAY OUT OF THESE CRYSTALS BEFORE THE NAUGUS TWINS COME BACK!
*SONIC THE HEDGEHOG 2--THE GAME

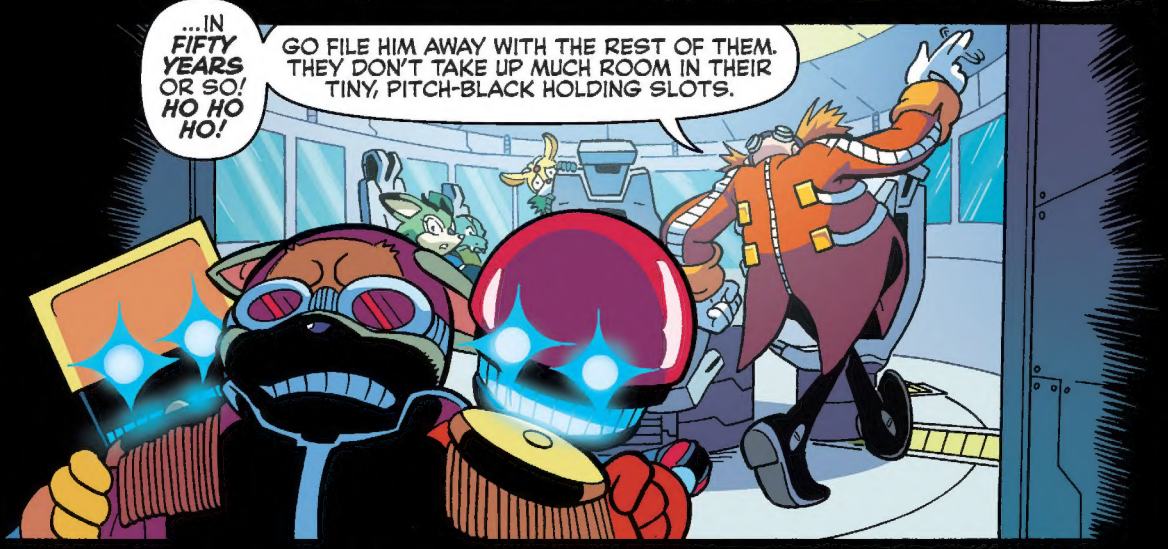
THE PRESENT
ORBOT SASSY ASSISTANT
...BEFORE THE NAUGUS TWINS... ZZZ...
BOSS? BOSS? NAP TIME'S OVER.
CUBOT DIMWITTED ASSISTANT
"YOUR EGG BOSSES ARE HERE."
BATTLE KUKKU XV EGG BOSS OF THE SKIES
AKHLUT THE ORCA EGG BOSS OF THE NORTHERN OCEANS
TUNDRA THE WALRUS EGG BOSS OF ARTIKA
AXEL THE WATER BUFFALO EGG BOSS OF EFRIKA
NEPHTHYS THE VULTURE EGG BOSS OF MIDESTA
MAW THE THYLACINE EGG BOSS OF TRALIUS
MORDRED HOOD EGG BOSS OF EURISH
ABYSS THE SQUID EGG BOSS OF THE SOUTHERN OCEANS
CONQUERING STORM EGG BOSS OF YURASHIA
CLOVE THE PRONGHORN EGG BOSS OF NORTHAMER
THUNDERBOLT THE CHINCHILLA EGG BOSS OF SOUMERCA

Ah! SO GOOD OF YOU ALL TO COME! NOT THAT YOU HAD A CHOICE-- HAHAHA!
IT'S HIM! EEEEEE!
I'LL GET RIGHT TO THE POINT. MY PLANS TO HARVEST THE DARK GAIA ENERGY WERE NEARLY COMPLETE...
...UNTIL MY OLD RIVALS, THE NAUGUS TWINS, TOOK OVER THE REFINERY! THEY REPELLED MY INITIAL INVESTIGATION AND CAPTURED METAL SONIC!
MY BADNIKS ARE EASY PREY TO THEIR CRYSTAL POWERS. THAT'S WHY I NEED YOU--MY CYBERNETIC SUPPORTERS-- TO HELP ME INVADE MY OWN TERRITORY AND TAKE IT BACK!

THIS IS WHY YOU SUMMONED ME? TO BE A LOWLY FOOT SOLDIER? Feh!
IF THESE NAUGUS TWINS OUSTED YOU, PERHAPS THEY'RE THE KIND OF LEADERS WE SHOULD BE FOLLOWING.
YOU WATCH YOUR TONE! THIS IS LORD EGGMAN YOU'RE TALKING TO! WE'RE TO SERVE HIS EVERY WHIM AND LIKE IT!
DON'T WASTE YOUR BATTERIES, T.B. I FIGURED SOME OF THESE INGRATES WOULD NEED A REMINDER.
WHICH IS WHY I PREPARED A LITTLE DEMON-STRATION.

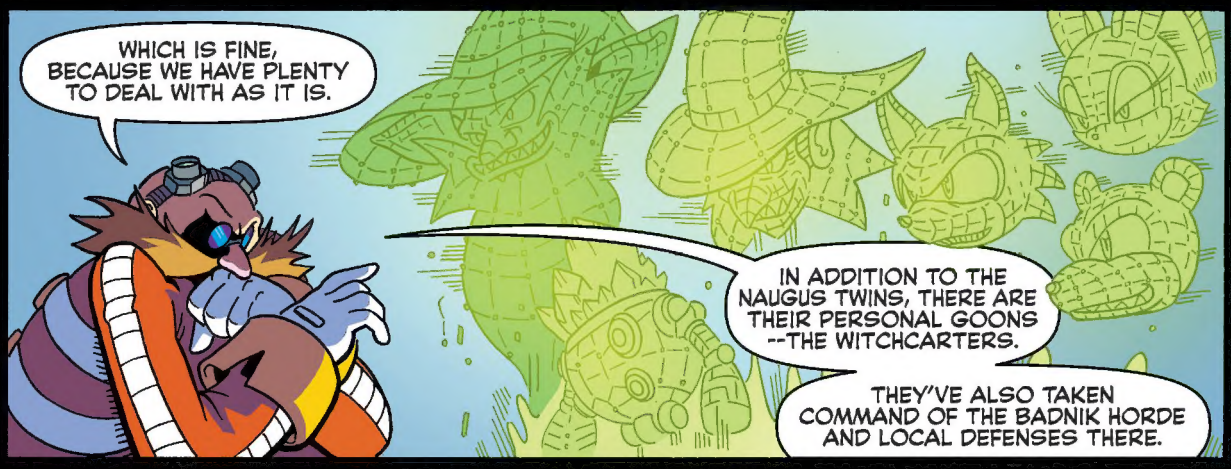
THIS IS... DID YOU EVEN HAVE A NAME? WHATEVER, I'M CALLING YOU "TASSEL BOY."
TASSEL BOY HERE WAS THE FOREMAN OF A SMALL OPERATION I HAD WORKING SECRETLY IN METROPOLIS ZONE.
ON HIS WATCH, A FREEDOM FIGHTER SPY ENTERED HIS RANKS AND SONIC STOLE A SHIELD GENERATOR I'D BEEN DEVELOPING.*
*SONIC THE HEDGEHOG VOL. 1-- "COUNTDOWN TO CHAOS."

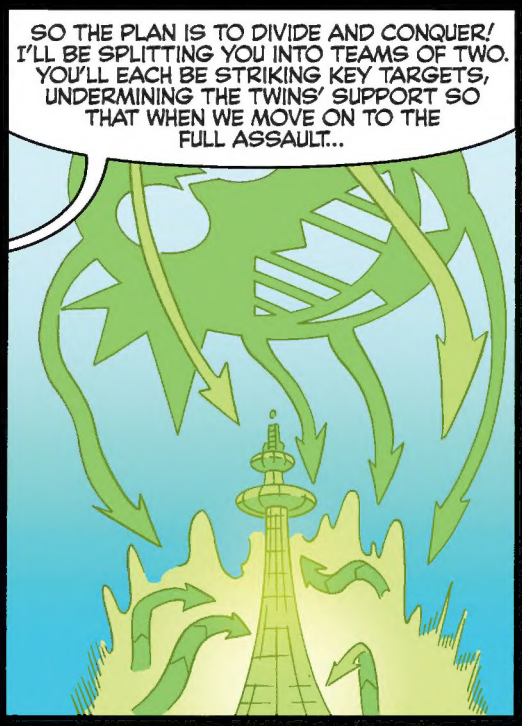
SO I ACTIVATED THE FAIL-SAFE THAT I PLACED IN ALL YOUR CYBERNETICS. HE'S COMPLETELY LOCKED UP. AWARE, BUT PARALYZED. AND HE'LL STAY THAT WAY UNTIL I THINK HE'S LEARNED HIS LESSON...


...IN FIFTY YEARS OR SO! HO HO HO!
GO FILE HIM AWAY WITH THE REST OF THEM. THEY DON'T TAKE UP MUCH ROOM IN THEIR TINY, PITCH-BLACK HOLDING SLOTS.

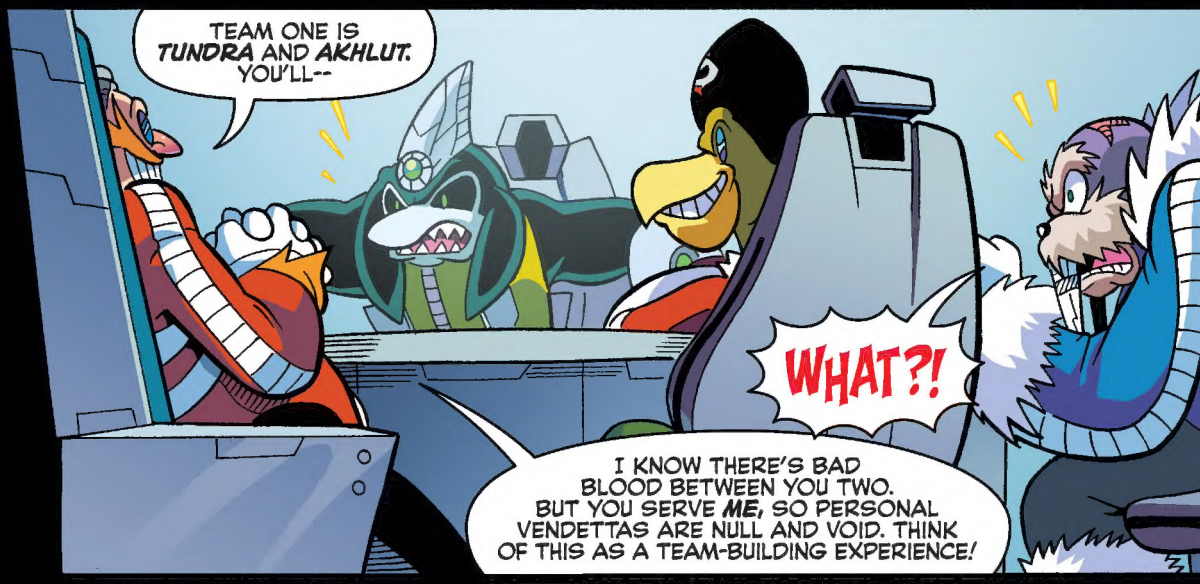
NOW THEN! ANY OTHER OBJECTIONS TO THE MISSION?

I DIDN'T THINK SO.
SIR? IF DARK GAIA ENERGY IS INVOLVED, WON'T WE RUN THE RISK OF MONSTERS AS WELL AS THE TWINS' FORCES?
OR COULD THEY EVEN BE USED TO OUR ADVANTAGE?
FIRST INTELLIGENT QUESTIONS ALL DAY!
NO, THE SPIRE AT THE CENTER OF IT ALL IS DRAWING IN ALL THE ENERGY. THERE'S NOT ENOUGH AMBIENT ENERGY FOR EVEN A TINY MONSTER TO FORM. IT'S ONE LESS THING FOR US TO WORRY ABOUT.


WHICH IS FINE, BECAUSE WE HAVE PLENTY TO DEAL WITH AS IT IS.
IN ADDITION TO THE NAUGUS TWINS, THERE ARE THEIR PERSONAL GOONS --THE WITCHCARTERS.
THEY'VE ALSO TAKEN COMMAND OF THE BADNIK HORDE AND LOCAL DEFENSES THERE.


SO THE PLAN IS TO DIVIDE AND CONQUER! I'LL BE SPLITTING YOU INTO TEAMS OF TWO. YOU'LL EACH BE STRIKING KEY TARGETS, UNDERMINING THE TWINS' SUPPORT SO THAT WHEN WE MOVE ON TO THE FULL ASSAULT...

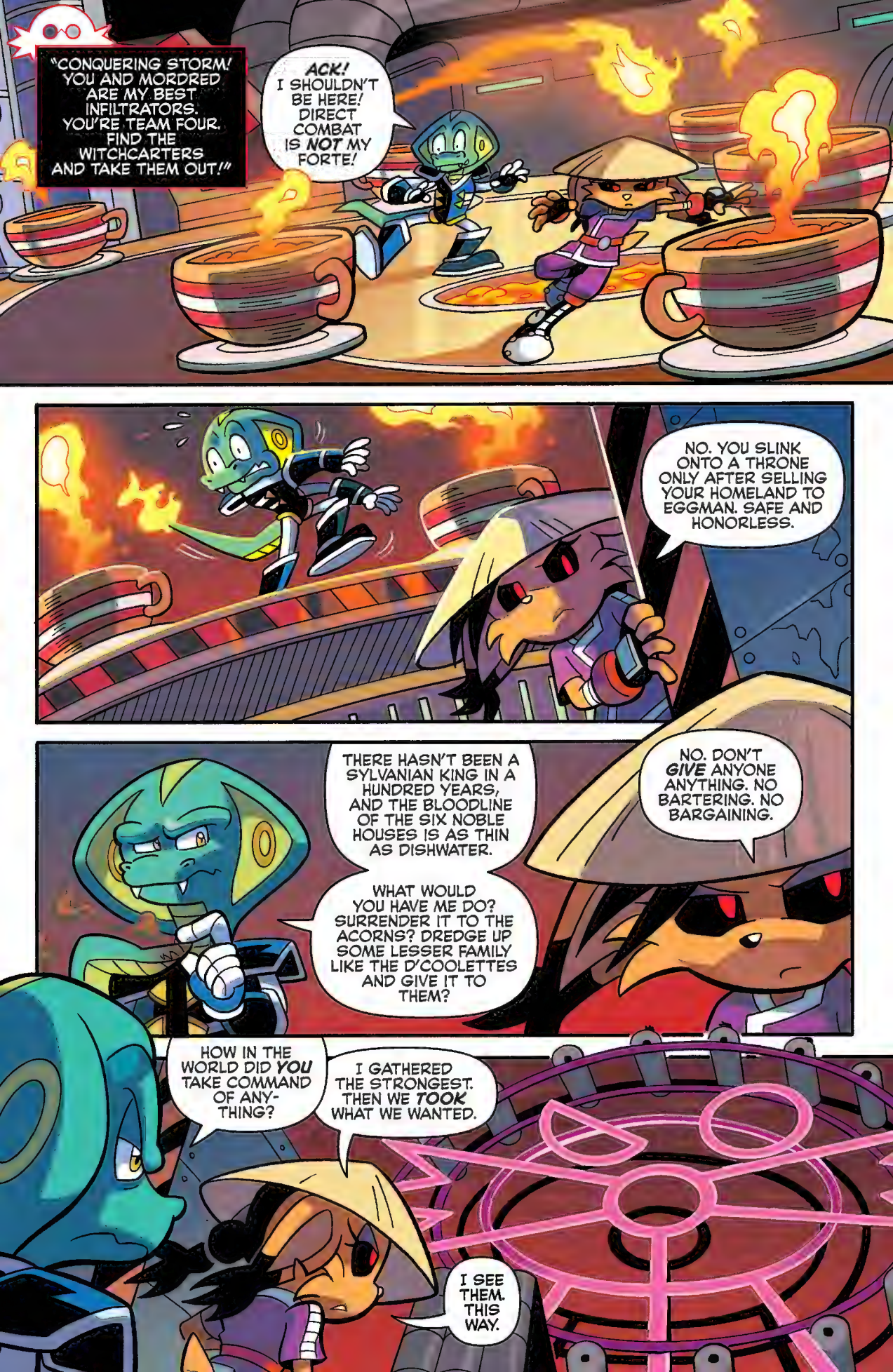
...THEY'LL BE COMPLETELY OVERWHELMED! HUMILIATED! CRUSHED!
HAHAHA!!

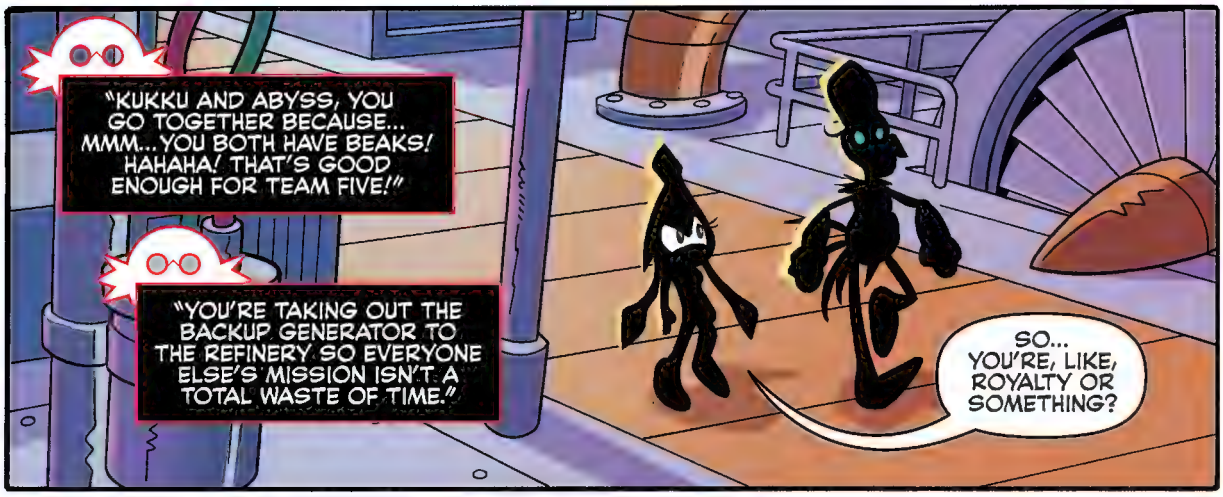

TEAM ONE IS TUNDRA AND AKHLUT. YOU'LL--
WHAT?!
I KNOW THERE'S BAD BLOOD BETWEEN YOU TWO. BUT YOU SERVE ME, SO PERSONAL VENDETTAS ARE NULL AND VOID. THINK OF THIS AS A TEAM-BUILDING EXPERIENCE!

"ANYWAY--THE WITCHCARTERS SEEM TO BE GETTING A POWER BOOST FROM MY HARVESTED ENERGY."
"YOU'LL SHUT DOWN THE SUMMONING SPIRE TEMPORARILY TO CUT THEM OFF."
FUNNY PLACE THE TIDES HAVE BROUGHT US, ISN'T IT? ONCE YOU THOUGHT YOUR TRIBE COULD CONQUER MINE. AND NOW HERE WE ARE--COMRADES.
I DO MISS THOSE DAYS SOMETIMES. THE ROAR OF BATTLE. THE CRACK OF METAL AND BONE. GOOD, HONEST CONQUEST...
...ALL THE WARRIORS WHO FOLLOWED YOU HAVING FALLEN, STAINING THE ICE.
YOUR WARRIORS FELL TOO!
TRUE. BUT THEN, YOU COULD NEVER GET PAST THEM TO ME, COULD YOU?

"CLOVE AND THUNDERBOLT-- YOU'RE BOTH QUICK. YOU'RE TEAM TWO. YOU'LL ACCESS THE DEFENSIVE SYSTEMS AND SWITCH THEM OFF."
GONG
YOU'RE GOING TO HAVE TO LEAVE THAT.
NEVER! LORD EGGMAN GIFTED ME WITH THIS GLORIOUS ARMOR! I WON'T DISRESPECT HIM AND LEAVE IT BEHIND!
WHICH WOULD BE WORSE? LOSING ONE OF HIS MANY MACHINES, OR FAILING HIS MISSION?
I...
WILL...
MAKE...
THIS...
WORK!
CRREEAAKK

"NEPHTHYS AND MAW-- YOU'RE MY NEWEST RECRUITS. YOU'LL BE TEAM THREE. YOU'LL SHUT DOWN THE COMMAND SIGNAL TO THE BADNIKS."
"WITH THAT GONE, THE NAUGUS TWINS WILL HAVE TO DIRECT THEM INDIVIDUALLY, DIVIDING THEIR FOCUS!"
QUITE THE ADVENTURE, ISN'T IT? I NEVER EXPECTED TO BE SO HANDS-ON WHEN HELPING THE DOCTOR SAVE THE WORLD.
"SAVE"? I THOUGHT IT WAS CLEAR HE'S OUT TO CONQUER IT.
SOMETIMES WE NEED TO BE SAVED FROM OURSELVES.
THE DOCTOR SEEMS TO BE THE ONLY ONE BOLD ENOUGH TO MAKE THE HARD CHOICES AND TAKE RADICAL ACTIONS.
DON'T YOU AGREE? YOU VOLUNTEERED TO SERVE, AFTER ALL.
YOU'RE NOT WRONG. SACRIFICES MUST BE MADE FOR THE GREATER GOOD...


"CONQUERING STORM! YOU AND MORDRED ARE MY BEST INFILTRATORS. YOU'RE TEAM FOUR. FIND THE WITCHCARTERS AND TAKE THEM OUT!"
ACK! I SHOULDN'T BE HERE! DIRECT COMBAT IS NOT MY FORTE!
NO. YOU SLINK ONTO A THRONE ONLY AFTER SELLING YOUR HOMELAND TO EGGMAN. SAFE AND HONORLESS.
THERE HASN'T BEEN A SYLVANIAN KING IN A HUNDRED YEARS, AND THE BLOODLINE OF THE SIX NOBLE HOUSES IS AS THIN AS DISHWATER.
NO. DON'T GIVE ANYONE ANYTHING. NO BARTERING. NO BARGAINING.
WHAT WOULD YOU HAVE ME DO? SURRENDER IT TO THE ACORNS? DREDGE UP SOME LESSER FAMILY LIKE THE D'COOLETTES AND GIVE IT TO THEM?
HOW IN THE WORLD DID YOU TAKE COMMAND OF ANY-THING?
I GATHERED THE STRONGEST. THEN WE TOOK WHAT WE WANTED.
I SEE THEM. THIS WAY.


"KUKKU AND ABYSS, YOU GO TOGETHER BECAUSE... MMM... YOU BOTH HAVE BEAKS! HAHAHA! THAT'S GOOD ENOUGH FOR TEAM FIVE!"
"YOU'RE TAKING OUT THE BACKUP GENERATOR TO THE REFINERY SO EVERYONE ELSE'S MISSION ISN'T A TOTAL WASTE OF TIME."
SO... YOU'RE, LIKE, ROYALTY OR SOMETHING?

THE KUKKU LINE IS AN OLD AND PROUD FAMILY! WE'VE BEEN RULING THE SKIES SINCE THE FALL OF BABYLON!
I AM THE FIFTEENTH SON OF THE NOBLE LINEAGE.
YIPPEE FOR YOU. I'M A PIRATE. I STEAL STUFF.

YOU'RE NO BETTER THAN THOSE FILTHY BABYLON ROGUES.
LIKE I CARE WHAT YOU THINK? I SIGNED ON WITH EGGMAN, GOT ALL THE BEST TOYS, AND NOW I OWN THE SOUTHERN HEMI-SPHERE.
I'VE GOT A DOZEN SHIPS IN MY ARMADA. YOU'VE GOT, WHAT, ONE?

THE BATTLE FORTRESS IS WORTH MORE THAN YOUR ENTIRE FLEET! ITS POWER CANNOT BE MATCHED IN ALL THE SKIES!
HAHAHA! DON'T BUST A GIBLET, GRAND-PA!

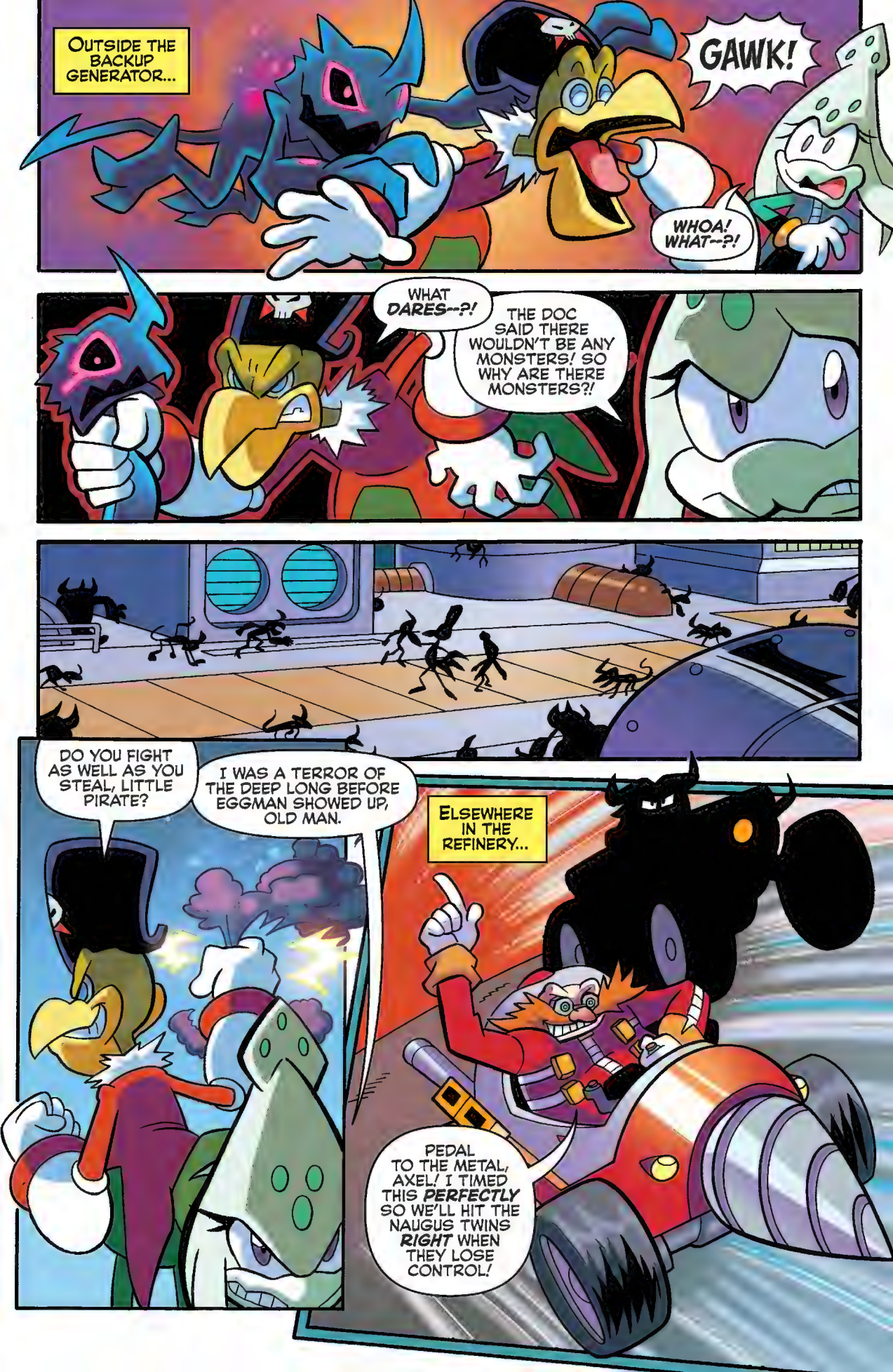
ALL THE TEAMS ARE AWAY, BOSS! EXCEPT YOURS, OF COURSE.
JUST PUTTING THE FINISHING TOUCHES ON MY TRUMP CARD. OOH-HOO-HOO! WALLY WON'T KNOW WHAT HIT HIM!
YOUR COUNTER-MEASURE IS CHARGED AND READY TO GO.
SYSTEM CHARGE 100%
THAT SAID, YOU'VE ONLY GOT ENOUGH POWER TO RUN IT ONCE AND FOR ONLY FIVE MINUTES.
PLENTY OF TIME TO BEAT THE UGLY OFF THAT TROLL. THERE WON'T BE MUCH LEFT AFTER THAT-- HAHAHA!
ANY REASON I GET THE... HONOR OF RIDING WITH YOU, BOSS?
WE'RE TEAM SIX BECAUSE I HAD AN ODD NUMBER OF MINIONS. I REALLY OUGHT TO FIX THAT AFTER THIS...
LET'S RIDE!
WHUD
VRRROOOOOOOM
SCREEEECH
SCREEEECH

AT THE ENERGY COLLECTOR...
...AND DON'T MISUNDERSTAND ME. I THINK YOU MAKE A GREAT SUBORDINATE TO EGGMAN.
AFTER ALL, A LEADER WHO CAN'T CONTROL HIS OWN SON? SHAMEFUL. WHO'S POWERLESS TO SAVE HIS OWN WIFE? PATHETIC. A LACKEY GETS MORE UNDERSTANDING...
I WILL BREAK YOU IN HALF!
Ahh. YOU'VE STRUCK YOUR FELLOW EGG BOSS. YOU'VE JEOPARDIZED THE MISSION. FOR THE GOOD OF THE EMPIRE, I MUST PUT YOU DOWN NOW.
AAAAAAHHHHHHHHH!!

IN THE DEFENSIVE GRID CONTROL TOWER...
HOLD ON A SECOND!
WE WASTED ENOUGH TIME WITH YOU STRUGGLING IN THAT DOORWAY!
I SAID WAIT!
WHY?
I'VE BEEN THINKING--SINCE THE MEETING, SINCE THAT DOOR...SERVING LORD EGGMAN IS AN HONOR, A PLEASURE...
...SO WHY DOES IT SEEM LIKE YOU RESENT OUR GLORIOUS EMPEROR? THE ONE WHO SAVED YOUR BRATTY SISTER? GAVE YOUR PEOPLE THE POWER TO CHANGE THEIR LOT IN LIFE?
I WILL NOT ABIDE INGRATES OR INSUBORDINATES WITHIN HIS RANKS! SO EXPLAIN YOURSELF BEFORE I--!
SLAM
HEE HEE HEE HEE
YOU DO NOT GET TO JUDGE MY SISTER...

NEAR THE BADNIK CONTROL TOWER...
I SEE THE BROADCASTING TOWER. I'LL SEE IF I CAN DISABLE IT FROM HERE. WAIT THERE.
NEPHTHYS! SIX O'CLOCK HIGH!
SKZZZZ
ZOT

AMONG THE RIDES...
ZZZ...Heh Heh...ZZZZ... HEE HEE...
ROCKY-ROCKY! BACKSIES-FORTHIES!
THE WITCHCARTERS
WENDY'S HENCHMEN
WAITING AROUND... SHOULD BE BREAKING SOMETHING...WASTING MY TIME...
THEIR GUARD IS DOWN. NO DISCIPLINE AT ALL.
WHO CARES? IT MAKES IT EASIER FOR US.
WE'LL HOLD POSITION UNTIL TEAM ONE IS DONE. THEN I CAN SNEAK UP THERE, WEAKEN THEM WITH MY VERTIGO-INDUCERS, AND YOU--
I WILL END THIS NOW.
NO-NO-NO-WAIT!
WAKEY-WAKEY. BONES TO BREAKY.
INCOMING!


OUTSIDE THE BACKUP GENERATOR...
GAWK!
WHOA! WHAT--?!
WHAT DARES--?!
THE DOC SAID THERE WOULDN'T BE ANY MONSTERS! SO WHY ARE THERE MONSTERS?!
DO YOU FIGHT AS WELL AS YOU STEAL, LITTLE PIRATE?
I WAS A TERROR OF THE DEEP LONG BEFORE EGGMAN SHOWED UP, OLD MAN.
ELSEWHERE IN THE REFINERY...
PEDAL TO THE METAL, AXEL! I TIMED THIS PERFECTLY SO WE'LL HIT THE NAUGUS TWINS RIGHT WHEN THEY LOSE CONTROL!

WHAT IN THE--?!
NO!
SMASH!
NOOOOOOOOOOO!!
HAS EGGMAN'S ASSAULT ENDED BEFORE IT EVEN BEGAN?!
WILL THE EGG BOSSES SURVIVE THE TRAPS, ENEMIES--AND EACH OTHER?! THINGS REACH A FEVER PITCH NEXT MONTH!
UNTIL THEN, DON'T MISS OUT ON SONIC'S GLOBAL-HOPPING ADVENTURES IN SONIC THE HEDGEHOG!

Letter from the EDITOR

Witty, witchcarty commentary that doesn't know which witch is which!

HOLY HEDGEHOGS!

Dr. Eggman's headed for a boiling pit of lava! How will this handsome, mustachioed madman ever survive?! With the majority of his **Egg Bosses** dealing with their own troubles, the future looks grim for our mad doctor! We'll find out ol' Eggy's fate next issue! For now, let's take a closer look at some real troublemakers from this story, **Wendy Naugus's** wickedly wacky gang of **Witchcarters!**

FALKE WULF

First up we have **Falke the Wolf**. Out of all the Witchcarters, Falke's probably the most unhinged. In fact, he's completely deranged and manic! He's constantly laughing at something... or nothing, which is even creepier now that I think of it...

CARROTIA

Next, we have **Carrotia the Rabbit**. She's always lost in her own little world, forever in a constant daze. Don't let her spacy, giggly and flirty nature fool you, like Falke, she is incredibly dangerous.

BEARENGER

Finally there's the furious, ferocious **Bearenger the Grizzly!** He's angry. HE'S ALWAYS ANGRY. He's also the strongest of the group and not to be trifled with!

Check out all the production artwork and we'll see y'all next time for more behind-the-scenes goodness! "Sayonara, Shadow the -*" I mean, so long, folks!

– Vincent "Vin" Lovallo
Editor

BELOW: Early design concepts for **Falke, Bearenger and Carrotia** along with preliminary designs for their **Extreme Gear** airboards. Artwork by **Ian Flynn**.

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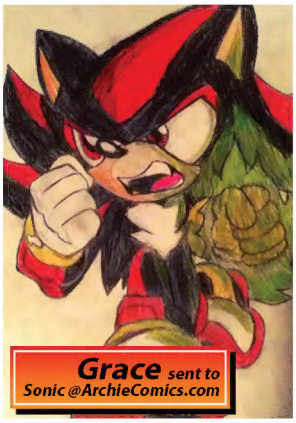

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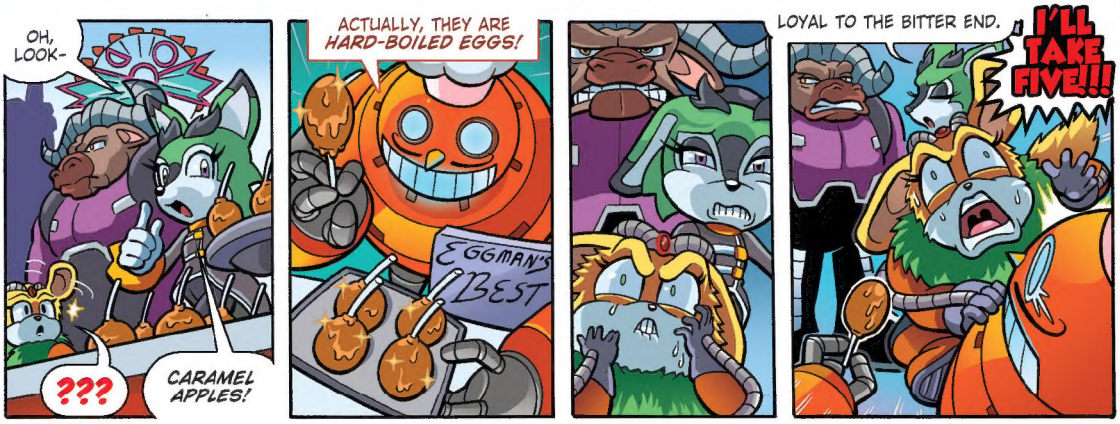
HEY KIDS! IT'S-- OFF PANEL DOUBLE DOSE

TELL YOUR MOMMY! TELL YOUR DADDY! TELL THEM ALL!

TODAY'S EPISODE: A HARD-BOILED SOFTIE! OR THE CARAMEL WITH THE WRINKLED KNEES



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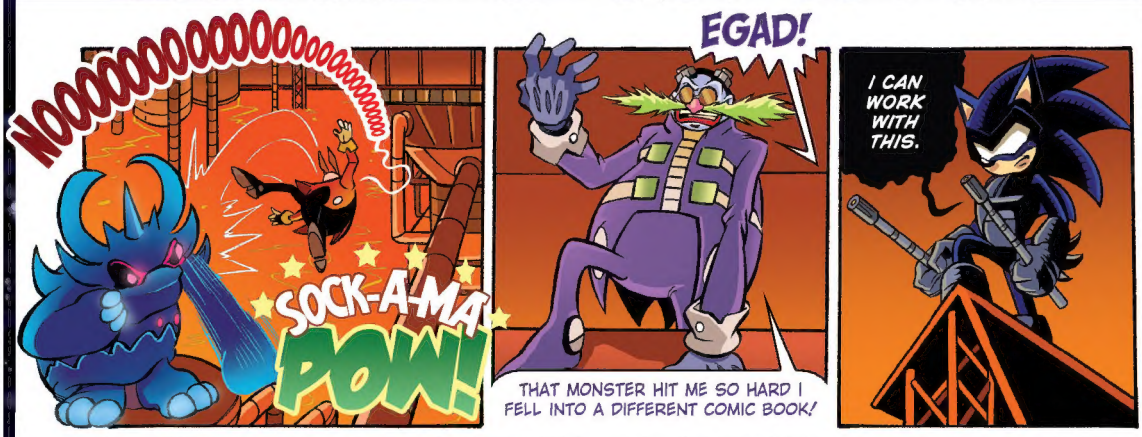

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How many short letters can we cram into an equally shortened letters page? **LET'S FIND OUT!!!**

Dear 'My Sonic Universe,
I'm a new fan of Sonic! It's so cool! I have so many questions to ask. Is Silver just Sonic from another dimension? The same with Blaze, is she a "Sonic" too?
Hadera L. sent to **Sonic@ArchieComics.com**

Hi, Hadera! Silver is his own guy, existing 200 years in Sonic's future! Meanwhile, Blaze, her own gal, exists in a parallel dimension, similiar to Sonic's world!

Dear 'My Sonic Universe,
I have one question: Who's Relic?
Brianna H. from **Colorado**

Hi, Brianna! Relic the Pika (along with her robotic companion, Fixit) is an archaeologist studying the many mysteries of Angel Island—with Knuckles the Echidna's permission of course!

Dear 'My Sonic Universe,
Does Sonic have any family in the new world? Uncle Chuck?
Dan L. sent to **Sonic@ArchieComics.com**

Hiya, Dan! "Uncle" is used a little more loosely in the new world in the sense that it's now what everyone calls him.

Dear 'My Sonic Universe,
I've been wondering something and I was hoping you could answer. How come Rouge doesn't get more screen time?
Jesse F. sent to **Sonic@ArchieComics.com**

Hi, Jesse! Rouge often shows up whenever Team Dark (Shadow + Omega) are involved. Would you like to see her tackle a story arc solo, though? Write in and let us know!

Dear 'My Sonic Universe,
I've always been interested in the kinds of stories that you guys bring out from your comics. You guys are able to make good stories, and I appreciate that. :)
Jesper S. sent to **Sonic@ArchieComics.com**

Aw. That's sweet! Thank you, Jesper!

Dear 'My Sonic Universe,
I DON'T LIKE YOU!
Diane W. sent to **Sonic@ArchieComics.com**

Yeah, well, you know, that's just, like, way past cruel, Diane. :)

Dear 'My Sonic Universe,'
Hey, Ian Flynn! When are we getting a Mama Robotnik *Sonic Universe* arc? Huh?! *HUH?!?*
Jonathan G. from **New Jersey**

I dunno, Jon—but may I say that you have absolutely *impeccable* and exquisite tastes! And that's all we've got room for today! See y'all next issue for part three of "Eggman's Dozen!"

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